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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON KINSHASA SCHEDULE 1

REF: KINSHASA 3061

1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR ZAIRE, REFTTEL,
MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN CHOOSING AMONG OPITIONS.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA MADE IT CLEAR THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU
HAS INVITED SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER TO STAY AT GOVERNMENT
GUEST HOSE. THE "MARBLE PALACE", THE OFFICIAL NAME FOR
THE GUEST HOUSE, IS RESERVED FOR VISITING CHIEFS OF STATE
OR HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS AND THAT RULE HAS NOT HITHERTO BEEN
BROKEN, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE. WE RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF MOBUTU'S
GESTURE AND POINT OUT IN ADDITION THAT THE MARBLE PALACE IS
IDEALLY SITED, NOT ONLY TO FILL THE PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS
OF THE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER, BUT IS ALSO LARGE ENOUGH
AND SUITABLY LAID OUT TO ACCOMMODATE OFFICE SPACE FOR THE
SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, SENIOR STAFF, S/S, USSS AN SY. SLEEPING
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR KEY STAFF CAN ALSO BE PROVIDED. FYI,
IN ADDITION TO SECRETARY'S SUITE/HOLDING AREA THERE ARE 5
BEDROOMS ON THE SECOND FLOOR NEAR THE SECRETARY'S SUITE AND
4 BEDROOMS ON THE FIRST FLOOR. ON SAME GROUNDS WITHIN SHORT
WALKING DISTANCE OF PALACE IS VILLA CONTAINING 5 BEDROOMS.

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THE PALACE HAS LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING, AND 24 HOUR

FOOD SERVICE.

3. THE REST OF THE DELEGATION, EMBASSY CONTROL ROOM ETC., WILL BE HOUSED AT THE OAU VILLAGE -- A LARGE AND ATTRACTIVE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENT WHICH INCLUDES 41 VILLAS (3 BEDROOMS EACH) RESERVED FOR OFFICIAL VISITORS. THE OAU VILLAGE IS 10 MINUTES AWAY FROM THE MARBLE PALACE AND VERY CLOSE TO MOBUTU'S OFFICE AND RESIDENCE.

4. NGUZA ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE CRUISE ON THE YACHT IS USUALLY RESERVED FOR VISITING CHIEFS OF STATE AND SAID THAT IT WAS MOBUTU'S IDEA THAT THE MAIN DISCUSSION AND LUNCH THE FIRST DAY SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON THE YACHT. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S YACHT CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 200 PERSONS. THUS THE ENTIRE DELEGATION, INCLUDING PRESS, CAN TAKE THE RIVER CRUISE IF THE SECRETARY WISHES. THE PRESIDENT'S DINING ROOM ON BOARD THE YACHT CAN HANDLE 50 PEOPLE, ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER; OTHERS CAN BE FED ELSEWHERE ON BOARD.

5. FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF DECSCRIPTIONS OF POSSIBLE VISITS/ ACTIVITIES SUGGESTED IN KINSHASA SCHEDULE 1:

A) PRESIDENTIAL GARDENS COVER LARGE PORTION OF MONT NGALIEMA (FORMERLY MOUNT STANLEY) WHERE THE OAU VILLAGE, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND DEPT. OF DEFENSE ARE LOCATED. WITHIN THE GARDEN IS A LARGE OPEN-AIR AMPHITHEATRE WHERE THE TRADITIONAL DANCE GROUP WOULD HOLD ITS PERFORMANCE. THE GROUP IN QUESTION WOULD PROBABLY BE THE "NATIONAL BALLET" -- WHICH IS THE VERY BEST AFRICAN DANCE GROUP IN THE COUNTRY.

B) NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TRADITIONAL ZAIRIAN ART (XM INMZ), FOUNDED IN MARCH 1970 BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU, IS A MUSEUM COMPLEX DEVOTED TO THE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION AND STUDY OF THE TRADITIONAL ART OF ZAIRE. ITS ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN IN THE REALMS OF MATERIAL CULTURE, TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND ARCHAEOLOGY. THE INMZ HEADQUARTERS, LOCATED AT MT. NGALIEMA, HOUSES STOREROOMS FOR APPROXIMATELY 20,000 OBJECTS, A MUSICOLOGICAL SECTION, WORK-ROOMS, INCLUDING A SMALL LIBRARY, PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES, AND DOCUMENTATION CENTER. THE EXHIBITION "100 MASTERPIECES OF ZAIRIAN ART" WHICH THE SECRETARY RECENTLY SAW IN WASHINGTON WAS CULLED FROM THE INMZ COLLECTION.

C) INSTITUTE (ACADEMY) OF FINE ARTS. THIS SCHOOL OF ADVANCED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STUDY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE HAS TRAINED MANY ZAIRIANS IN PAINTING, SCULPTURE, CERAMICS AND ARCHITECTURE MUCH OF THE BEST ARTS AND CRAFTS AVAILABLE IN KINSHASA IF FOUND HERE. A ONE HOUR TOUR VIEW FINISHED WORK AND INSTRUCTION UNDERWAY COULD BE ARRANGED.

D). CERTAINLY, IF MAMA MOBUTU RETURNS TO KINSHASA FOR THE VISIT, THE GOZ MAY BE EXPECTED TO PUSH HARD FOR A VISIT TO HER SCHOOL FOR GIRLS. EVEN IF MAMA DOES NOT

RETURN, A VISIT TO HER FAVORITE PROJECT WILL STILL BE
HIGH ON GOZ'S PRIORITY LIST. MAMA MOBUTU'S SCHOOL FOR
GIRLS OPERATES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF OEUVRES MAMA MOBUTU,
THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CHARITABLE WORKS AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS IN ZAIRE. THE SCHOOL IS A REHABILITATIVE INSTITUTION
OFFERING TRAINING IN HOME ECONOMICS (SEWING, COOKING) FOR
WAYWARD AND DESTITUTE YOUNG-GIRLS.
E. THE DEPTOFRAFFAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM, CURRENTLY UNDERGOING
RENOVATION, IS THE APPLE OF NGUZA' EYE. THE VISIT TO IT
MENTIONED IN THE SCHEDULE IS, IN FACT, NOTHING MORE THAN
A FEW-MINUTE PASSTHROUGH ON THE WAY TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE
WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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